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FM AMEMBASSY MANAGUA
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FOR ASSISTANT
SECRETARY JOHN THOMAS FROM CHARGE

ARA/CEN PLEASE PASS TO AMBASSADOR SHELTON

E. O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: AFSP, NU
SUBJECT: REPRESENTATION EXPENSES

1. I AM PLEASED TO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO REPLY TO YOUR LETTER OF AUGUST 23, 1974 TO THE AMBASSADOR CONCERNING REPRESENTATION EXPENSES AND AM HAPPY TO LEARN THAT THE DEPARTMENT IS REQUESTING ADDITIONAL FUNDS FOR FY-75. I AM ALSO PLEASED BY THE INDICATION IN YOUR LETTER THAT THE DEPARTMENT MAY BE TRYING TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT
ENTERTAINING REQUIRED BY THE JOB BUT NON-REIMBURSABLE UNDER THE PRESENT LAW.

2. THERE FOLLOWS A LIST ON OUT-OF-POCKET EXPENDITURES IN FY-74:

AMBASSADOR: (A) NON-REIMBURSABLE DUE TO INSUFFICIENT FUNDS $836.14. (B) OFFICIAL ENTERTAINING NOT CURRENTLY REIMBURSABLE $939. (C) COUNTRY CLUB DUES $178.57. (C) CONTRIBUTIONS TO DIPLOMATIC CORPS FAREWELL RECEPTIONS $14.28. (E) FLOWERS $60.00. (F) DIPLOMATIC WIVES' LEVIES FOR GIFTS FOR WIVES OF DEPARTING AMBASSADORS 6 AT $20 EACH EQUALS $120. TOTAL FOR AMBASSADOR $2,147.99.

DEPUTY CHIEF OF MISSION:

(A) NON-REIMBURSABLE DUE TO INSUFFICIENT FUNDS $38.99.
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(B) OFFICIAL ENTERTAINING NOT CURRENTLY REIMBURSABLE $270.
TOTAL $308.99.

POLITICAL/LABOR OFFICER/

OFFICIAL ENTERTAINING NOT CURRENTLY REIMBURSABLE $168.
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER: NON-REIMBURSABLE DUE TO INSUFFICIENT
FUNDS $21.29.

3. WIFH REFERENCE TO THE AMBASSADOR'S EXPENSES IT SHOULD BE NOTED

THAT MRS. SHELTON WAS AWAY FOR SIX WEEKS DURING MAY AND JUNE AND
THE AMBASSADOR WAS GONE FOR THREE WEEKS OF THAT PERIOD. HAD
BOTH BEEN PRESENT HIS OUT-OF-POCKET EXPENSES WOULD HAVE BEEN
GREATER.

4. THE FORMER CHIEFS OF POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC SECTIONS
PROBABLY HAD OUT-OF-POCKET EXPENSES FOR NON-REIMBURSABLE
ENTERTAINMENT BUT IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO DETERMINE THOSE AMOUNTS
DUE TO TRANSFER.

5. WITH REFERENCE TO PRICE INCREASE AT THE POST, SERVICES OF
BARTENDERS HAVE INCREASED 20 PERCENT SINCE JANUARY WHILE WAITERS
NOW COST 25 PERCENT MORE. MEAT PRICES HAVE INCREASED
45 PERCENT WHILE A DINNER AT A RESTAURANT HAS INCREASED AN
AVERAGE OF 28 PERCENT. THE PRICE OF JOHNNY WALKER RED LABEL
HAS INCREASED FROM $3.20 IN JANUARY TO $3.89 AT PRESENT.
AS WE NOTED IN OUR BUDGET
SUBMISSION, WE ARE EXPANDING OUR
TRADE PROMOTION ACTIVITIES AND ADDITIONAL REPRESENTATIONAL
FUNDS ($600) ARE NEEDED FOR THAT PURPOSE.
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